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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Riverside - Man and Woman Charged with Human Trafficking

(U) A man and a woman from Riverside are facing human trafficking charges following their arrest last weekend. Riverside Police arrested Taiwan Reed, 34, and Rickiya Fulcher, 24, on 18 May after a woman reported being sexually exploited by the pair last month. After obtaining a search warrant, police also recovered evidence related to the alleged crimes at a home in the 4600 block of Olivewood Avenue in Riverside.

SOURCE: 25 May 2018, ABC 7

(U) San Diego – US Coast Guard Seize \$78 Million in Cocaine During Maritime Operations

(U) The US Coast Guard seized more than \$78 million worth of cocaine off of Central America earlier this month, which will be offloaded in San Diego today, according to a Coast Guard news release. The crew of the 53-year-old cutter that seized the drugs is from Port Angeles. According to the release, more than 5,271 pounds of cocaine was seized on 18 and 19 May off the coast of Central America. The drugs will be turned over to federal agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration for destruction. SOURCE: 28 May 2018, KOMO News

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona - Border Patrol Operation Leads to 170 Arrests

(U) Yuma – Border Patrol agents say a three-week operation investigating human smuggling has led to 170 arrests outside of Yuma, Arizona. The US Border Patrol says agents from the Yuma and El Centro Sectors apprehended 145 foreign nationals being smuggled near the Imperial Sand Dunes west of Yuma since April. The group included four Chinese nationals and three Indian nationals. Agents also arrested 25 others, some of whom are US citizens, for coordinating attempts to smuggle people across the border. They also seized 15 vehicles.

SOURCE: 25 May 2018, Associated Press

(U) California – Ontario Murder Suspect Arrested at US-Mexico Border

(U) Ontario – A murder suspect has been arrested in the death of a 41-year-old man who was gunned down earlier this month at his home in Ontario, according to the US Marshal's Fugitive Task Force and the police department, which are jointly investigating the case. Alex Garcia, 39, fled to Mexico shortly after the shooting and was apprehended 24 May when he tried to re-enter California at the San Diego border, the Ontario Police Department announced 26 May. He is suspected in the killing of Nino Munoz, who was shot shortly before midnight on 11 May in the 300 block of Carlton Street. SOURCE: 28 May 2018, ABC 7

(U) Mexico – Wife of Jalisco New Generation Cartel Boss Arrested in Zapopan

(U) Jalisco – The wife of one of Mexico's most wanted drug lords was arrested in Jalisco on 26 May on money laundering charges, the attorney general said 27 May. Alfonso Navarrete Prida told a press conference that Rosalinda González Valencia was allegedly the "administrator of the economic and legal

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resources" of her husband's Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG), considered by authorities to be one of Mexico's most powerful drug gangs. Her husband is Nemesio "El Mencho" Oseguera Cervantes, who remains at large.

SOURCE: 28 May 2018, Mexico Daily News

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arizona - Man Gets Four Years in Prison for Smuggling Ammunition into Mexico

(U) Tucson – A California man was sentenced to four years in prison for his convictions in a scheme nearly two years ago to smuggle ammunition and rifle magazines from Arizona into Mexico. Miguel Ochoa-Ruiz of Concord was sentenced 25 May in Tucson for his smuggling and conspiracy convictions. Authorities say Ochoa-Ruiz bought 2,000 rounds of ammunition and 248 high-capacity rifle magazines that were then given to 23-year-old Guadalupe Carillo-Villa of Tucson to smuggle into Mexico. Carillo-Villa was arrested during the smuggling attempt.

SOURCE: 26 May 2018, The Sacramento Bee

(U) New York – FBI Urges US Citizens to Reboot Router to Stop Russia-Linked Malware

(U) New York City – Hoping to thwart a sophisticated malware system linked to Russia that has infected hundreds of thousands of internet routers, the FBI has made an urgent request to anybody with one of the devices: Turn it off, and then turn it back on. The malware is capable of blocking web traffic, collecting information that passes through home and office routers, and disabling the devices entirely, the bureau announced on 25 May. A global network of hundreds of thousands of routers is already under the control of the Sofacy Group, the Justice Department said last week. That group, which is also known as APT 28 and Fancy Bear and believed to be directed by Russia's military intelligence agency, hacked the Democratic National Committee ahead of the 2016 presidential election, according to American and European intelligence agencies.

SOURCE: 25 May 2018, The New York Times

(U) Pennsylvania – Feds Indict Two in Sex Trafficking of California Woman

(U) Philadelphia – Two men who lured a victim from California to the East Coast with false promises of easy money and then forced her into prostitution against her will have been indicted by the US Attorney's Office in Philadelphia. Kashamba John, 30, and Tyler Bachtel, 34, were indicted 24 May by US Attorney William M. McSwain for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for sex trafficking by means of force, fraud and coercion. John also was charged with transporting an individual in interstate commerce with the intent that the individual engage in prostitution.

SOURCE: 27 May 2018, Daily Local News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Belgium – Terrorist Attack Kills Three in Liege, Gunman Dead

(U) Liege – A man killed two police officers and a bystander in the Belgian city of Liege this morning before being shot dead near a school in what prosecutors are treating as a terrorist attack. The man was named as a 36-year-old petty criminal who had been let out on day-release from a local prison yesterday. It said investigators were looking into whether he converted to Islam and had been radicalized in jail. A public prosecutor told a news conference that the man set upon the police officers from behind with a knife, described as a box-cutter, around 10:30 a.m. (4.30 a.m. ET) on a boulevard in the center of Belgium's third largest city, near the German border.

SOURCE: 29 May 2018, Reuters

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(U) Canada – Bank of Montreal and Simplii Financial Report Possible Data Breach

(U) Montreal – Two Canadian banks, yesterday, reported their customer accounts may have been breached. Bank of Montreal said some personal and financial information for fewer than 50,000 customers may have been stolen. Simplii Financial, an online-bank unit of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce reported that information for roughly 40,000 customers may have been stolen. Both banks said they were contacted 27 May, by "fraudsters" claiming they were in possession of the information. Bank of Montreal, Canada's fourth-largest bank by assets, said it believes the attack originated from outside of Canada.

SOURCE: 28 May 2018, The Wallstreet Journal

(U) Mali – 20 Killed in Suspected Terrorist Attack in Mali

(U) Talataye – At least 20 people, including civilians, were killed in a suspected terror attack in northeastern Mali near the border with Niger, sources said. The deaths came after more than 100 people including many civilians, particularly from the Fulani and Tuareg communities, died in recent months as a result of attacks by rival armed groups in the region. A local official in the town of Talataye - where the 26 May attack took place - said late on Sunday that the assailants arrived in three vehicles and on a motorcycle.

SOURCE: 28 May 2018, Agence France-Press

(U) Nigeria – Suicide Bomber Kills Four, Injures Seven in Konduga

(U) Konduga – Four people have been killed and seven others injured in the latest Boko Haram attack in the restive town of Konduga in the state of Borno, the police confirmed yesterday. The Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr Damian Chukwu, told reporters in Maiduguri that the jihadists detonated an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in a village, known as Mashimari in the Konduga Local Government Area on 27 May, killing the four people. Chukwu said that two of the dead were civilians. The bombers managed to sneak into Mashimari, a community near an Internally Displaced Persons Camp and detonated their IED.

SOURCE: 28 May 2018, The Guardian - Nigeria

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